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MAPUTO FOR AMB YOUNG

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SUBJECT: SUDAN ANNOUNCES EXPULSION SOVIET ADVISORS

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1. SUDAN NEWSPAPERS HEADLINE MAY 19 THAT SUDANGOV
TERMINATED SOVIET CONTRACTS MILITARY EXPERTS SERVING
WITH SUDANESE ARMY. DECISION WHICH ALSO INCLUDED
CLOSING OF SOVIET EXPERTS OFFICE ATTACHED TO SOVIET
EBASSY HERE WAS CONVEYED TO SOVIET GOVT THROUGH ITS
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AMBASSADOR IN KHARTOUM THURSDAY, MAY 12. EXPERTS
WERE GIVEN ONE WEEK'S NOTICE TO LEAVE COUNTRY.
THREE PLANES CARRYING ALL 90 EXPERTS AND THEIR
FAMILIES, 147 PEOPLE IN ALL, LEFT KHARTOUM WEDNESDAY,
MAY 18. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. ALTHOUGH WORD OF SOVIET EXPULSION HAD BEGUN TO CIRCULATE AROUND KHARTOUM AND PRESENCE THREE SOVIET TRANSPORT PLANES WAS IMPOSSIBLE HIDE, SUDANGOV CHOSE NOT RPT NOT TO PUBLICIZE EVENT UNTIL SOVIETS HAD ACTUALLY DEPARTED. SAHAFI REPORTS FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID SAYING IN PARIS THAT SOVIET EMBASSY HERE SHOULD BE REDUCED TO HALF ITS PRESENT SIZE, WHICH SUGGESTS THA FURTHER SOVIET EXPULSION MAY BE IMMINENT. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH SUDANESE OBSERVERS, APPEARS THAT IMPORTANT REASON BEHIND EXPULSION SOVIETS WAS FACT THAT SUPPLIES OF SPARE PARTS AND AMMUNITION HAVE CEASED. SOVIET EMBOFF TOLD CHARGE TWO WEEKS AGO THHIS HAD TO DO WITH FACT THAT DIFFERENT MINISTRY OF SOVIET GOVT HANDLED SUPPLY OF SPARES FROM THAT WHICH PROVIDED ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT. HE CLAIMED THIS MINISTRY INSISTED ON CASH AND THEREFORE REASON FOR INTERRUPTION SUPPLY OF SPARES AND AMMUNITION WAS DUE INABILITY SUDANGOV TO PAY FOR THEM.

3. APPARENTLY SOME SUDANESE BELIEVE THAT SOVIETS WERE MADE TO LEAVE BECAUSE IT WAS FELT THAT IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THEM AND WESTERN ADVISORS PRESENT IN COUNTRY AT SAME TIME. THESE OBSERVERS ARE SKEPTICAL THAT WESTERN MILITARY ADVISORS (PRESUMABLY FROM FRANCE OR US) WILL BE ARRIVING SOON AND THEY THEREFORE PREDICT THAT BEFORE LONG THERE WILL BE A MOOD OF DISILLUSIONMENT. HOWEVER, FOR THE MOMENT THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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PLEASURE AT NIMEIRI'S ACTION SINCE IT WAS FELT THAT SOVIETS HERE NO LONGER MAKING ANY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SUDAN. END CONFIDENTIAL. BOGOSIAN

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